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1. Large scale reforestation, irrigation and electrification has begun in the Dobruja,, after the Soviet model. The Communist Government of Bulgaria has worked out a vast plan for these works and a large proportion of prisoners (both from the prisons and from the provisional detention camps) have been sent to take part. The local population has also been called up, though without pay.
2. An earlier decision to send political prisoners to Siberia has been annulled. All these prisoners will be used on works in the Dobruja area. Dobruja is now privately described as "Siberia", by Bulgarians when they are sure the police aren't listening.

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